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UI Ergonomics Program

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What is Ergonomics?

“The science of fitting workplace conditions and job demands to the capabilities of the working population. Ergonomics is an approach or solution to deal with a number of problems – among them are work-related musculoskeletal disorders” - NIOSH

The goal of the UI Ergonomics Program is to provide an efficient and safe work environment for all employees

- Prevention and Education programs
- Ergonomic Risk Assessments and Consultations
- Job Task Analysis/Force Weight Studies
- Departmental Consultation - Implementation of control measures to limit ergonomic risks in the environment

UI Ergonomics Services & Education, Marcus Seaton

1. Many employees are not aware of the Ergonomics program. In what ways are UI-provided ergonomics services currently promoted, and how can Staff Council help?
2. Some employees who work remotely or in hybrid arrangements are interested in making their home workspaces more ergonomic and comfortable. What options are available for University of Iowa employees to purchase ergonomic equipment through the eBuy platform for use in their home offices? Are there specific guidelines, approvals, or funding considerations they should be aware of when requesting these items?

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